Cuban Women Related to Insurgents Imprisoned at Havana.

REPORT OF GEN. WEYLER'S RECEPTION

Soldiers Said to Have Greeted Him With Enthusiasm.

A MUSICIAN'S SUICIDE

HAVANA, Cuba, February 4.-The steamer Manuela arrived here last night from the province of Puerto Principe, having on board as prisoners, arrested by order of the governor, Senora Concepcion Agramonte, mother of Dr. Sanchez Agramonte, the physician of Maximo Gomez; Senora Angela Silva Loperecio, Leader Loperecio, Senora Gabriela Varona de Miranda, Senora Maria Aguila, Senora Eva Adan Rodriguez, an American citizen, and wife of the insurgent, Col. Alejandro Rodriguez, now in the province of Santa Clara; the editor of El Pueblo of Puerto Principe, Senor Eduardo Valel Zequiera, and eight other prisoners. They were all escorted to

Advices received here from Villa Clara, capital of the province of Santa Clara, today said that Captain General Weyler on his arrival there yesterday was received by the authorities and crowds of people. The city was handsomely decorated for the oc-casion, and the captain general was present later at a review of the garrison. The soldiers acciaimed him with enthusiasm, and it is stated that the Spanish commander's presence at Villa Clara has raised pubic spirits considerably.
Since the captain general entered the

province of Santa Clara the column of troops under his command has had several skirmishes with the insurgents, and from Cruces to Villa Clara the number of these engagements increased. One band of the stemy approached near enough to fire into the captain general's camp. The insur-gents were dispersed by a squadron of the Pavia regiment.

General Gasco, in command of the ad-

vance guard, dispersed another group of insurgents at Ouemado Hilario, near the The troops comprising the garrison of

The troops comprising the garrison of Tanamo, province of Santiago de Cuba, have been engaged with the insurgents at Dolorita. They captured an insurgent camp, and, continuing the pursuit, engaged the enemy several times. The government force had five men killed and twenty wounded. Later the same forces, acting with the gunboat Pinzon, at Braderas, where the column was reinforced by a detachment of marines landed for the purpose, completely disnersed the insura detachment of marines landed for the purpose, completely dispersed the insurgents in that vicinity. The enemy lost over sixty men. On the government side a lieutenant of marines, Roberto Lopez, and two soldiers were wounded, and in addition one man was killed.

James W. Luckenville, from Shalenville, Pa., committed suicide by shooting this

Pa., committed suicide by shooting, this morning, at the Hotel Saratoga. He was a morning, at the Hotel Saratoga. He was a professor of music. By the side of the bedy was the Colt's pistol with which he killed himself and in his pockets were 177 cartridges. He left a letter to his mother. Mrs. Kate S. Hex, and a request that the document be handed to Consul General

MR. HANNA'S FRIENDS QUOTED.

They Say He Has Given Up Hope o Succeeding Senator Sherman. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, February 4 .- Na tional Republican Chairman Hanna adopted the rule which characterized his course during the entire campaign of not talking on any important development in politics which intimately concerns himself. He therefore refused this morning to say a word as to the rumor that Governor Bushnell had decided to appoint Lieutenant Governor Asa Jones United States senator to succeed Mr. Sherman. While the Sherman men in Columbus admit that there no hope that Hanna will be appointed to the Senate, and it is believed to be a settled thing that Governor Bushnell will lect Lieutenant Governor Jones for the vacancy in accordance with the terms of the Zanesville agreement, Mr. Hanna re-mains silent. He may have information subject, which he is not giving out, but intimate associates and friends are au-thority for the statement that Mr. Hanna has abandoned hope of securing the senatorial appointment from Governor Bush nell. This is a severe blow to the national chairman, and, while it will not preclude the possibility of his entering the Senate by election by the legislature a year from March, it will prevent his being in Washington at the incipiency of the next ad-

Mr. Hanna having given up the thought of receiving anything from the Foraker people is going into the campaign on his own responsibility for the full term as sea-

What is Said by a Friend. By Associated Press.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, February 4.-Careful inquiry by a representative of the Associated Press among the more intimate friends and political advisers of Mr. M. A. Hanra today developed the fact that there is good ground for the reports which have been in circulation during the past ew days to the effect that the nat heirman will not be appointed to fill the place of Senator Sherman in the United States Senate.

In fact, it can be stated on unquestion-able authority that Mr. Hanna has practially abandoned all hope of securing the appointment. A gentleman who stands as close to Mr.

Hanna as any person in Cleveland said today that there was now no doubt that Gevernor Bushnell would appoint Lieutenant Governor Jones to fill the unexpired term of Senator Sherman, and that at the next session of the legislature, which con-venes in January, 1808, Governor Bushnell would himself be a candidate for the full term. It is further stated on the same authority that Lieutenant Governor Jones has agreed not to be a candidate for the full term in opposition to Bushnell, and that the fight will then be strictly between Bushnell and Harna.

The gentleman who gave this informa-tion, and whose knowledge upon the sub-ject cannot be doubted, said that the fight between National Chairman Hanna and Foraker would now be carried on to the bitter end, and would, he said no be by any means confined to state politics.
The report that Mr. Hanna is being strongly urged to accept the postmast generalship in President McKinley's cab net is also verified, but thus far, it is stated, he has steadily declined to enter

he cabinet in any capacity. CZAR CHEERED AT BERLIN.

Colors Sent for the Alexander Regiment of the German Army.

BERLIN, February 4.-The ceremony of fixing the ribbons sent by The czar to the Alexander Regiment, of which he is honrary colonel, occurred in the Lustgarten at

Emperor William, the officers of the regiment and his majesty's staff rode down the front of the battalions, which were afterward formed into a square. When all was ready the ribbons, red and white, were attached to red embroidered imperial monograms, bearing the date "ISM," and a white imperial double eagle with the date

After the presentation of an address by Col. Nepokoishitzki, the czar's representative, the commander of the regiment thanked him and called for cheers for the czar. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon, at which the emperor, in toasting the crar heaved Col. Nepokoishitzki. luncheon, at which the emperor, in toasting the czar, begged Col. Nepokoishitzki to convey to his majesty the thanks of the Alexander Regiment and of the whole army for this fresh proof of his favor.

Emperor William proceeded to refer to the brotherbood of arms existing of yore between Russians and Germans, adding that the German army was deeply sensible of the honor conferred upon it today, would look with pride on the new ribbons and ever joyfully remember the days when his majesty, at the head of the regiment, led them at Breslau, the name of which is permanently bound up in the past relations of both dynasties.

Democratic Central Committee to Consider it Tonight.

How the Vacancy May Be Temporarily Filled-When Senate Judiciary

Committee Will Meet.

Vice Chairman John A. Clarke of the central democratic committee of the District has issued a call for a meeting of the committee at Meyer's Hotel at 7:30 this evening to take action upon the nomina tion of Mr. Henry E. Davis, to be United States attorney for the District. It is expected, of course, that at the meeting of ommittee considerable opposition to Mr. Davis' confirmation may be made by individual members, but, as stated in The Star several days ago, his friends are con fident that the committee, as a body, will not oppose him, if, indeed, a resolution in-dorsing him and asking his confirmation is

Speaking today to a Star reporter respect ing the selection of Mr. Davis as Mr. Bir ney's successor, Mr. Milton M. Holland, well-known colored member of the bar, and a prominent republican, expressed himself as being heartily in favor of the confirmation of Mr. Davis. "While I am." said Mr. Holland, "and always have been a republican, yet I am not only pleased with Mr. Davis' nomination, but I would be delighted to do any thus received. delighted to do anything possible to secure his confirmation. And if there is anything I or my friends can do for Mr. Davis, I trust he will let me know. If Mr. Davis is defeated by the silver men now, it will result in making a martyr of him, and if that is done I have no doubt that Mr. Mc. that is done I have no doubt that Mr. Mc Kinley will renominate him. And if, he should I think he would be doing what is right. I think that these sentiments of mine are shared by about all of the colored members of the bar, who know Mr. Davis to be an able man, and who believe that he would make a splendid prosecuting officer.

To Fill the Vacancy Temporarily. It is stated on the best of authority that, notwithstanding the probable complete vacancy and standstill in the office with the expiration of District Attorney Birney's term of office tomorrow, there will be no special meeting of the Senate judiciary ittee to consider the nomination of Mr. Henry E. Davis as Mr. Birney's successor. The nomination will, therefore,

first be considered at the regular meeting of the committee next Monday morning. It is understood that there will be a meeting of the District Court in General Term at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to con-sider the question of the right of the court to appoint a successor to Mr. Birney, in the event of a failure of the Senate to meantime confirm the nomination of Mr. Davis. It is believed quite generally that the court will conclude that it possesses such authority. If the court so decides, it is believed that Mr. Birney or Mr. Davis will receive the appointment, with the chances greatly in favor of the former. By some however, it is held that Mr. Birney some however, it is held that Mr. Birney some, however, it is held that Mr. Birne s not eligible to reappointment.
Others consider that it would be inappro

priate to appoint Mr. Davis. To avoid al that, the suggestion of the appointment of Mr. Hugh T. Taggart, Mr. Birney's first assistant, has been made. Nevertheless, the impression seems to be that if the court decides it can fill the vacancy, Mr. Birney will receive the appointment.

Pressure on Senators.

All efforts to defeat Mr. Davis' confirmation are now being bent upon the Senate committee on the judiciary. Mr. Davis friends are urging upon members of that committee the fact that Mr. Cleveland would have appointed him to the position for which he is now named four years ago had Mr. Davis been so situated that he could have accepted the appointment. They say that this fact is a complete refutation of the idea that some of the democratic senators appear to have that Mr. Dayls' appointment is in payment for his active work during the recent campaign in support of Mr. Cleveland's financial views. It is generally believed at the Capitel today that if a report can be sequred from the committee on judiciary to cured from the committee on judiciary to the Senate so that the senators will have an opportunity to vote upon the confirmation that Mr. Davis has a good chance of oming out of the fight with a victory.

BUTLER ATTACKS THE GOVERNOR.

He Says That Fusion Will Not Occur Agnin in North Carolina Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., February 4.-Senator Butler's paper created a sensation today by a direct attack on Gov. Russell, saving that he had dealt with the populist bolters. that he entered into a deal with them, and tried to tempt them to break their loyalty to their party and its principles.

Senator Butler says no true populist will accept patronage from such a deal, and he calls on them to denounce in the legislature the bills by which the governor and the republican machine hope to destroy the populist party in North Carolina. The senator says co-operation with republicans, as with democrats, is a failure, and that it will

never again occur. Senator Butler left here this morning He addressed the populist majority caucus last night, taking ground in favor of the bill to annul the lease of the North Carolina railway to the Southern. The caucus, by a unanimous roll call vote, stood by ilm. Butler says thirty-eight were pres-

Representative Skinner declares all the bolting populists will oppose the lease This seems erroneous, for there are excelent grounds for saying five populists favor

morning, said he had arranged everything to his satisfaction. He says of the bolters: "The republicans nave got the last sucker they can get, and they are welcome to He declares he will give \$5 each for all

populists in the state over 200 in number who support the bolters in voting for Pritchard. Governor Russell sent a message to the legislature today containing the Seaboard Air Line's proposition to lease the North Carolina railway at ten per cent.

The republican and populist bolters' con-ference committees today announce they have divided the state institution, the popvilets taking the agricultural departm bureau of labor statistics, insane asylum bureau of labor statistics, insane asylum at Morganton and Goldsboro, shell fish com-missioner, state librarian and keeper of capitol, while the republicans take the pen-itentiary, railway commission, insane asy-lum at Raleigh, circuit criminal judge and Atlantic and North Carolina railway.

The majority populists are ignored in this deal. The educational institutions are not divided, but are put in the governor

TROUBLE IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Serious Disturbances Said to Have Ocenrred at Johannesburg. LONDON, February 4.-The Globe this

afternoon says that a rumor is current that serious disturbances have taken place at Johannesburg

TO DISCUSS THE TARIFF.

Two Canadian Statesmen Coming From Ottawa.

OTTAWA, February 4 .- Sir Richard Cartwright and H. I. Davies, minister of marine and fisheries, have gone to Washington, where they are to meet leading political men to discuss the tariff, alien labor law and other matters which for a long time have been the subject of friction be-tween Canada and the United States.

Commander Bradford Exonerated. Secretary Herbert has approved the findings of the court of inquiry which exonerated Commander Bradford, commanding the cruiser Montgomery, from all responsi-bility for the recent accident to the vessel when she struck an uncharted obstruction

in New York harbor.

The Saturday Star By Mail One Year One Dollar.

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Hoar, Jones (Nev.) Lindsay, Lodge, Pasco, Peffer, Perkins, Pettigrew, Pugh, Roach, Sewell, Sherman, Stewart, Teller, Thurs-

Hypocrisy of the Bill. As the vote was announced Mr. Hill remarked: "And having brought the bill before the Senate, senators can now proceed to take a glass of beer." He went on to speak of the hypocrisy of the bill. 14 was soon evident that the senator would talk against the measure until 2 o'clock, when the bill would be cut off by the Nicaragua canal bill. He spoke of the extremes to which prohibition legislation had been carried and the excessive pun-ishments inflicted. The violation of an excise law had become worse than murder

excise law had become worse than murder or burglary.

"I am opposed to such restrictions," declared Mr. Hill. "I believe in the personal liberty of the citizen, subject only to such reasonable regulations as the public good demands. All the rest is tyranny." This measure was an emanation from those who were constantly fearful of grave dangers. Some of them felt that a grave danger lurked in the power of the pope. Others turned their attention to the grave danger of a saloon in the Capitol. This sort of legislation would not do. It was unwise, unnecessary. Under it the venerable senaunnecessary. Under it the venerable sena-tor from Vermont (Morrill) could be taken out of the Senate on a charge of violat-ing the excise laws. Under it senators would find on reaching the chamber some day that one-half of their associates were in the police court for violating of the exin the police court for violation of the ex Mr. Hill talked up to 2 o'clock, when the bill was displaced and the Nicaragua canal

bill was taken up. Another Spanish Prisoner. Before proceeding with the debate Mr. Morgan (Ala.) presented a resolution requesting the President for information as to the arrest of Caspar Betancourt at Havana, whether a demand for his release had been made.

Mr. Hoar thought the Senate should not be precipitate in calling for information, new one case in which the release of a prisoner was prevented by an untimely

Mr. Morgan said the case was a grave one. He added that a specific law made it the duty of the President to inform Congress of such subjects. But it has been impossible to subjects. But it has Company to the Company of the Company impossible to get information on the Com petitor and other cases, and the law was a dead letter. The resolution was then

A Parliamentary Tangle. Mr. Lodge (Mass.) endeavored to have

the canal bill give way temporarily to permit action on the conference report on the immigration bill. An objection being made, Mr. Lodge moved to take up the immigra-tion report. This caused a lively parlia-mentary tangle. Nienraguan Bill Displaced.

Mr. Gorman argued that the canal bill

would be permanently displaced if the immigration bill was taken up. Without deciding this point, the presiding officer put to a vote Mr. Lodge's motion and it pre-This brought the immigration bill before

the Senate, and Mr. Hill appealed to Mr. Lodge, in charge of the bill, to allow the bill to be recommitted for modification in the age and illiteracy provisions. Mr. Chandler seconded the appeal, saying a recommittal would secure the desirable end of uniting political parties in immigration legislation. Mr. Lodge yielded to the ap-peals, and thereupon moved that the Sen-ate disagree to the conference report.

THE HOUSE.

Rev. J. J. Doliver, a Methodist clergyman of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and the father of Representative Doliver, offered the invocation in the House today. Postmaster General Wilson of West Virginia was on the floor when the session opened. On motion of Mr. McCormick (N.Y.) a

bill was passed to authorize the erection of a light house and fog signal at Orient Point, L. I., with a limit of cost of \$30,000. Bills were also passed to grant to the Hudson Reservoir and Canal Company a right of way through the Gila river Indian reservation in Arizona; to authorize the establishment of a life-saving station at establishment of a life-saving station at Peint Arena, Mendocino county, Cal., and to pension the widow of Maj. Gen. Joseph B. Carr at the rate of \$50 per

The House then went into committee of the whole, and resumed the consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation

ADMIRAL BUNCE'S SQUADRON.

Left Hampton Roads Today for a New Set of Maneuvers.

Admiral Bunce's squadron sailed from Hampton Roads today to begin a new set of maneuvers and drills, the most interesting feature of which will be a mock blockade of the port of Charleston, S. C., reproducing, in some measure, the conditions that existed there during a period in the last war. The vessels which followed the flagship New York out of the Roads today were the battle ship Indiana, the armored cruiser Maine, the turret ship Amphitrite. the cruiser Columbia and the dispatch boat Fern. The admiral telegraphed the fact of his departure to the Navy Department, and added that the Marblehead, which is somewhere outside the capes, would be ordered to fall in line, if sighted. The double-tur-reted monitors Puritan and Terror are also expected to join the squadron, and by the time the actual blockade tactics begin there will probably be other additions to the force of vessels. The squadron will probably put in some time during the fa-vorable weather drilling off the capes and on the way southward, and it is not ex-pected that the ships will be off Charleston before the 8th instant unless the weather forces a change in the program.

COL. CROFTON RETIRED.

The Action Arbitrarily Taken by the President.

Col. Robt. E. F. Crofton, 15th Infantry, was arbitrarily retired today by order of the President. It has been the desire of the War Department for some time that this officer should leave the active service. and efforts have been made during the past two years to attain this end, first through intimations to the friends of Col. Crofton that his retirement would be granted if applied for, and this failing, through that law which obliges an officer to retire if law which obliges an omeer to retire in found physically unfit for service by a medical board. This last course was adopted about nine months ago, but also without success, the board finding that the officer was in good condition physically, Finally, recourse has been had to the law Finally, recourse has been had to the law which permits the President to retire an officer arbitrarily when he shall have reached sixty-two years of age. Col. Crofton passed this milestone last month, and the law has been applied to his case. This is a most unusual proceeding, the last instance of a forced retirement being in the case of Gen. Carr, who was forced out in order to permit of the promotion of officers below him in rank. Col. Crofton was in command of the 15th Infantry while the organization was stationed at Fort Sheridan, near Chicago, and was, with or without just ground, held responsible for the many incidents in the history of the occupation of the post that furnished matter for the civil and criminal courts and many courts-martial. courts-martial.

Col. Crofton has a good war record. He

is not a native American, being born in Ireland, and he entered the service in an unusual manner, becoming at once captain of the 16th Infantry, in May, 1861. He served throughout the war and was brevetted major and colonel for gallant service at Shiloh and Chickamauga. He became colonel of the 15th Infantry in October, 1886, and is now stationed at Fort Bayard, N. M. whence that command has revoyed. N. M., whence that command was removed when the last changes in stations of troops

No Revolution in Guatemala. Senor Arriaga, the Guatemalan minister, has received a cablegram from his home government announcing that there is no revolution or insurrection in Guatemala, and that perfect peace prevails throughout the whole country. The cablegram was sent in answer to an inquiry the minister made owing to published reports from Panama that an insurrection had broken out to his country.

The Mystery About Mr. Colman's Periodical Stamps.

HE WAS RECEASED TODAY ON BAIL

The Post Office Department at Work on the Case.

DETAILS OF THE AFFAIR

The arrest of Hamilton F. Colman in New York yesterday for having in his posssion uncancelled newspaper and periodical stamps, is likely to prove a flasco. Mr. Colman was on the way to see his father who lies at the point of death at Coopers town, N. Y. He had received a telegram Tuesday stating that his father was dying and had gotten leave of absence from the chief clerk of the general land office, in which he has been a clerk for twelve years, and that night took the train for New York. The next heard from him was the New York dispatch announcing his arrest by a post office detective there and that he had over \$5,000 worth of uncancelled stamps in his possession when

The postal inspectors here stop breathing when they see a newspaper man approach-ing them, so that little can be learned here. But it is believed that the arrest was not directed from Washington. And it is also stated on good authority that young Colman has probably violated no law. The statute makes it an offense punishable by imprisonment from six months to a year with a fine of from \$100 to \$500 to have expeciled posters stomes of any kind in cancelled postage stamps of any kind in one's possession with intent to use them again in the mails, or to remove the marks of cancellation with a view to using them again in the mails. So far as the search of the statutes today at the department showed, neither this provision nor any other covers Colman's case. His stamps were not canceled. They were fresh as the day they were made.

Newspaper Stamps. Newspaper and periodical stamps are not sold to the public as other stamps are.

They never pass out of the possession of employes of the postal department. They are used exclusively on newspaper and periodical mail and are issued in denominations all the way from 1 cent up to \$100. Some of the stamps are for odd and usual amount. One of the prettlest of the series—and they are all very beautiful stamps, much sought after by collectors—is for the sum of \$1.92. The method of use is for the postmaster on receiving previous regions to give a receiving newspapers or magazines to give a receipt for the weight of the matter to the pubfor the weight of the matter to the pub lisher, and on the stub of this receipt bool he pastes a sufficient number of stamps t cover the amount of postage called for at the rate of 1 cent a pound. For instance, at the rate of 1 cent a pound. For instance, if 192 pounds of newspapers came into an office the postmaster would write out a receipt for that amount, give it to the man who brought the newspapers and paste the bright, green one-dollar-and-ninety-two-cent stamp on the stub from which he had

cent stamp on the stub from which he had torn the receipt.

At the end of every quarter the postmaster is obliged to send to the department in Washington these receipt books, with the stamps attached, and here they are very carefully counted and checked up. Finally these books, with their stamps, are turned over to a committee in the department, under whose direction they are taken to the destruction room and placed in a large furnace and burned up. Every precaution is taken to prevent any their of caution is taken to prevent any theft of these canceled stamps. The furnace s locked up, the committee keeping the key, number of men left to guard the

Various Leaks.

But this is not the only way the stamps could get out. "There is no doubt that many thousands of dollars' worth are stolen every year by burglars. There were over 800 burglaries last year, and in a large proportion of them newspaper stamps were taken. The burglar finds his way to the 'fence," and the "fence" has his own peuliar method of selling the stamps, that they finally reach collectors.

More than this, however, is the fact that iepartment, sell these stamps. So great is the leak in this respect that the assistant postmaster general, Mr. Craige, has recently printed in the Postal Guide a notice warning postmasters against this practice.

Says They Were Proofs.

Mr. A. C. Townsend, the philatelist who has an office in the Washington Loan and Trust Company building, today talked very frankly about his connection with the affair, and stated emphatically that the stamps which Mr. Colman had were not canceled stamps nor uncanceled stamps

"I am not at liberty to say all I know Tam not at interty to say all I know about this matter at present," said Mr. Townsend, "but I can say without any hesitation that the Post Office Department has made a mistake in regard to Mr. Colman. I am satisfied that he had nothing in his possession that he had not come honestly by and that he had not a perfect right to have. I cannot state now where we got these proofs, but that is what they are, and it will be found that Mr. Colman got them honestly and has a right to have them. It is true that these newspaper and periodical stamps are stolen by burglars, and it is also true that postmasters sell them. But these found on Mr. Colman were not obtained in that way. They were, as I said before, proofs, perforated

and glued."

Mr. Colman secured bail and was released in New York today, and went on to Cooperstown to his father's bedside. His friends in the land office speak of him in the highest terms. He was an efficient and popular clerk. His father is a brother of the former commissioner of agriculture.

THE WATSON-BLACK CONTEST.

Report Expected Tomorrow to Be in Favor of the Sitting Member.

Unless there is a change in the program, report will be made to the House tomorrow on the Black-Watson case by the committee having it in charge. The sentiment of the members of the committee has. it is understood, undergone a change favorable to the sitting member, Col. Black, and the report will probably recommend that he be retained. There is no doubt that for a while the committee was in doubt what to do, leaning somewhat to the Watson side of the case.

Reducing the Milenge. The Senate committee on commerce today agreed to report favorably the bill reducing the mileage paid steamboat inspectors from eight to five cents per mile.

Another Bankruptey Bill. Senator Nelson today introduced a substitute for the bankruptcy bill now before

the Senate. It provides for voluntary bankruptcy on the part of persons owing \$200 or more and gives preference to debts due the United States or the state in which the debtor lives and to those due servants or laborers. Prof. Daniel's Condition.

Prof. Joseph H. Daniel, for more than forty years a teacher of music in the pubschools, is reported this afternoon to be in a sinking condition. It was expected that he would not survive last night, and his death is hourly expected.

Attempted Assault.

This afternoon about 1 o'clock Mrs. Charles Ball of 1121 I street northwest had an exciting time with a colored boy in the Smithsonian grounds. The boy made an effort to assault Mrs. Ball and grab her pocket book, but failed in both. He is only about fifteen years old and wore light clothes. Mrs. Ball reported her experience to the police and the officers are looking for a boy answering his description. She is able to identify him.

Objections to Moving the Department Into The Poor Funds Are in a Depleted the City Post Office Building.

tmaster General Wilson Has an Interview With Chairman Cannon on the Subject.

Postmaster General Wilson had a consultation today with Chairman Cannon and members of the committee on appropriations in regard to the proposed removal of the department to the new city post office building. The Postmaster General was armed with complete data in regard to the change, and the cost which it would involve. Carefully prepared measurements, it is stated, show that the new building would not accommodate both the department and the city post office.

There is not room enough in the new building, it is claimed, by 50,000 square feet. In addition to this there is a general objection to placing the two in the same building, as they once were.

The post office authorities are opposed to the risk of moving the hundreds of tons of archives stored away in the old building. It has been suggested as a cheaper thing to add two stories to the present building.

MONETARY CONFERENCE BILL. It Will Probably Pass the House by a Good Majority.

a Star reporter that the number of appli-cants increases when there are food and fuel at the station which they can get and take away in their baskets. Most of those who are nov asking for aid are really in need, and many of them are actually suffer-ing. Last night at the fifth precinct sta-tion a man who has a wife and several children appeared and asked for help. "We naven't anything to give." he was The House committee on coinage, weights and measures did nothing at their meeting this morning with relation to the Senate resolution for an international monetary conference. Two or three bills on the sub-The man's pleadings were of no avail, for the charity fund was exhausted and the police had taxed their own pockets to the fullest extent. All the police could do was to refer him to the Associated Chariject have been introduced in the House by members of that committee, and it was decided, as a matter of courtesy to the authors of the bills, to have a hearing on the subject on Saturday.

This morning a man, who gave his name as Robert Bolster, called at police head-quarters and asked for assistance. "Send It is understood that the committee will report the resolution favorably, and the opposition to it will be purely Pickwickian. The purpose of those who are for silver "without the consent of any nation on earth" is to make a lot of speeches and a lively debate is anticipated, but the been out of work and have no home."

When he went over to the Police Court he told Judge Kimball that he had come here from Milwaukee several months ago to get in the Soldiers' Home. He had been unable to get in the home, and now he watted some place to stay until April, when he will get his pension.

Judge Kimball gave him a note to the marrgers of the Central Union Mission and said he knew he could get a temporary measure will pass by a large majority.

A minor bill of some importance, as i volving a principle, was adopted by the committee after a nacd fight. Mutilated coin are now redeemed by the government at their bullion value. This does not involve a loss beyond the actual mutilation in the case of gold; but the bullion value of silver being so far below the coin value, a very considerable loss to the holder is and said he knew he could get a temporary home there. Those who contributed to the police charity fund today were: Wolf Nordinvolved. Mr. Otey of Virginia some time ago introduced a bill providing that re-demptions should be made at the colunge value, so that a silver dollar with, say one tenth part cut away, would be redeeme at nine-tenths its country value, or ninety cents. This bill was reported favorably to-day by a vote of 7 to 5, and it is the expectation of the committee that they will

A MONTREAL MYSTERY.

Alleged Kidnaping and Robebry at

MONTREAL, February 4.-A millionaire Agriculture
War Records office, War Department, additional. real estate dealer from New Hampshire is alleged to have been held a prisoner in this city by a couple who passed as Mr. and Mrs. Stanton of New York, but who are said to be the Rev. and Mrs. Richard-

Three months ago the Richardsons rented a furnished house in this city from William W. Squire. With them, when they took possession of the house, was the man whom they are suspected of having kid-naped. The police refuse to disclose the name of this third person of the Richard-son household, but he is described as small, dark and about fifty years of age, and it is alleged that he controlled immense in-terests in the northern part of New Hamp-

Richardson is large, smooth-shaven and of clerical aspect. His wife is a medium-sized, handsome woman of about thirty-

The man they are alleged to have in their keeping was, it is asserted, constantly under the influence of a powerful drug administered by the Richardsons, who, while his will power was broken by the drug, caused him to sign checks for large sums of money, which they cashed. An agent of the millionaire came here about two weeks the millionaire came here about two weeks ago to find him. The police say this agent saw the Richardsons, but they had their victim well hidden, and told the agent that they did not know anything about him.

The trio disappeared a few hours before he detectives finally decided to swoop The trio disappeared a few nours before the detectives finally decided to swoop down upon the house.

The detectives are divided in their opinion as to where the mysterious trio have gone. Some think they have gone to England, and some think they are hiding somewhere about Montreal, but they fear the Richardsons may do away with their victim.

Later.—The police now state that Richardson is the name of the kidnaped man, and that Stanton's real name is Fraser, and that he is an ex-Methodist preacher,

formerly of the New York conference. DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

Potomac Company.

The Potomac Electric Light and Power Company has made application to the Commissioners for permission to resurface with asphalt the cuts that were made in the payements incident to the laying of electric light conduits. The application sets forth that it is made with a knowledge of the violation of the rule which prohibits the laying of asphalt during the winter, but stipulates that when summer comes the work will be torn up and done over object of the application is to put the city in good condition for the inauguration.

Offer Accepted. The Commissioners have accepted the proposal of William F. and Annie K. Poore

to sell to the District certain ground in the line of Albemarle street at 12 cents per square foot. Adverse Report. An adverse report has been made by the

Commissioners upon House bill 10093 to regulate the service of summons in the courts of justices of the peace in the District of Columbia. They transmit also a copy of the opinion of the attorney for the District upon the subject, in which he says he does not understand that there is any necessity for the proposed legislation.

Case Nolle Prossed.

William M. Taylor, who conducted an Eclipse bicycle agency at 39 H street, and who was arrested several days ago, charged with embezzling \$117 from the general agent of the Eclipse company in this city, was placed on trial this afternoon in the Police Court. A large number of witnesses peared for the prosecution.

When the hearing had proceeded but a few moments it was discovered that the information was defective. While a new parameters in the proceeding of the proceeding o

per was being drawn up, the complaining witness reached the conclusion that he did not care to further prosecute the case. Assistant District Attorney Mullowney thereupon entered a nolle prosequi, and Taylor was discharged from custody. Interstate Commerce Commission

The interstate commerce commission today, in an opinion by Commissioner Prouty, announced its decision of the case of Wolf Brothers vs. the Allegheny Valley Railway Company and others. Unjust classifica-Company and others. Unjust classification of complainants' envelopes was alleged in this case. The commission holds: "Complainants' open-end envelopes, though made by a different and cheaper process than that employed in the manufacture of other open-end or side envelopes, and usually from an inferior grade of paper, are nevertheless made, used and shipped like merchandise envelopes, and not like paper bags, which defendants place in a lower class, and rating complainants' envelopes in the higher class provided for merchandise envelopes is not unlawful." The complaint was dismissed.

Shot Down in a Saloon. SCHENECTADY, N. Y., February 4. ames Miller was shot and instantly killed by Harry Webber today. The men quarreled over money matters in a saloon. Web-ber, when arrested, said he shot Miller "to get even." Both men were residents of this city.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE MR. DAVIS' NOMINATION ALL ABOUT LIQUOR THEY WERE PROOFS GENERAL POST OFFICE MANY TURNED AWAY FINANCE AND TRADE

Contributions Today and Arrange

menta for the Charity Concert To-

morrow Afternoon-Some Cases.

The police and charity organizations had

very little in their poor funds today and

were doing the best they could to relieve

only extreme cases. The donations being

received are very small, as compared with

what was received last week. At the

Central Union Mission it was stated that

the donations were so small that they were

not worth noting, while at the headquar-

ters of the Associated Charities, as already

stated, assistance was being given only in

extreme cases. The police lieutenants re-

ported this morning that the number of

applicants for assistance had decreased

since the announcement was made that the

fund was exhausted. But still the num-

ber of callers is large. Speaking on the

question of charity a police lieutenant told

Star reporter that the number of appli-

"We naven't anything to give," he was told. "Our fund is exhausted."
"But I must get something for my family," he protested. "I have no work and my family can't be permitted to starve."

me to the workhouse or the poorho he said. "I must go somewhere. I been out of work and have no home."

Barres, meat; L. E. Breuninger, 50 loaves of breed; J. F. Atzel, 100 loaves of breed; J. F. Atzel, 100 loaves of bread; A. B. McCloskey, 44; K., 31; W. D. Terrille, 10 per cent of gross receipts for six days; William Zamer, 100 loaves of preed; L. R. Anderson vegetables; W.

breed; L. B. Anderson, vegetables; W. Wurren, Mrs. W. H. Olcott and Mrs. Meade, clothing; Mrs. C. R. Peyton, pro-

For Central Relief Committee

Heretofore acknowledged......\$3,808.47

Employes, Naval Observatory..... Biological survey, Department of

Engraving division of the coast

and geodetic survey.....

Officers and employes, Southern Railway Company, additional....

Dollar Fund.

Cash, cash, Mrs. M. B. McR., E. C. A. cash, M. B. W., cash, M. S.

The Charity Concert.

Today holders of reserved seat tickets

or the charity concert, to be given at the

National Theater tomorrow afternoon be

girning at 2 o'clock, have been exchanging

their tickets for coupons at the theater.

lon, both of Richmond, Va.
Colored—Levi Williams and Ella Gant;
Thomas Bookmon and Lucy E. Thornly.

Grain and Cotton Markets.

Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers

and brokers, 1427 F st., members New York

GRAIN.
Open. High. Low. Close.
744, 765, 744, 753,
706, 724, 703, 72
24 214, 22, 254, 244,
174, 173, 173, 174, 18
183, 183, 183, 183,
1757 7.70 7.67 7.70
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OPTON.
Open. High. Low.
7:07 7.08 7.04
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7.20 7.21 7.17
7.25 7.25 7.24

stock exchange, correspondents Messi Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., New York.

GRAIN

Government Bonds.

Quotations reported by Corson & Macart-ney, bankers.

per cents, registered...

per cents, coupon of 1907.

per cents, registered of 1907...

per cents, coupon of 1925...

per cents, registered of 1925...

per cents, registered of 1925...

per cents, coupon of 1904...

per cents, registered of 1904...

Currency 6 per cents of 1898...

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BALTIMORE, February 4.—Flour dull, une—receipts, 6,784 barrels; exports, 120 barrels (50 barrels, Wheat dull—goot, 88½ bid; Ma 883—receipts, 7,147 binshels; exports, none; 315,813 bunshels; sales, 1,500 bunshels—go

Wheat-May.....

Oats—May.....

Oats—May.....

July.....

The police have been exceedingly success-

19.45

Dollar fund..... Bureau of education.....

Jacob Franz.....

Effect of Reduction of Bank of England's Rate.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATION ON GAS Increase in Burlington's Earnings

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

for December.

pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, February 4.-Opening prices this morning were barely steady round last night's final figures, commission houses being consplcuous sellers during the early trading. The reduction of % per cent in the Bank of England's rate of discount had a beneficial influence on the foreign miscellaneous security market, but the American department was dull at minimum advances. Some disposition to buy on concessions was noted later in the day, but the local market was not fully in sympathy with the foreign demand.

A revival of European buying is counted on to assist local buying, once the latter movement takes tangible shape. It is unreasonable to suppose that a lack of local appreciation will invite outside support, however, and the aggressiveness must riginate in the home market. A receivership for a small western rail-

road and the closing of a small bank in the same section of the country were among the unfavorable developments of the day. In neither case was any significance attached to the announcement.

The introduction of a bill in the Illinois legislature seeking to further reduce the price of gas and to embarrass the consolidation scheme had an adverse influence on the price of Chicago Gas. The selling for this cause was confined to traders, and is not likely to extend into well informed circles. The action may really cles. The action may safely be interpreted as being a remnant of the peculiar meth-ods established by the predecessor of the present legislative body

The various reports of earnings submitted during the day were more encouraging than the routine reports of the past six weeks. Burlington's reported increase of \$63,000 for the month of December was especially significant in view of its probable influence on the dividend policy of the The amount actually earned on the stock

is fractionally less than the amount neces-sary to maintain the present 4 per cent rate. The exact deficit is probably less than 1-2 per cent.

If the old rate is maintained in spite of this fractional lack it will be because of satisfactory assurances of future prosper

Instead of the customary reflection on the business capacity of the management it is quite probable that the street would be persuaded into a more general acceptance of future possibilities. The continuation of the old rate will not be a novel action in any sense, but it may be taken to indicate that all future disbursements wil be legitimately corned.

mately earned.

New Jersey Central reports an increase of \$509,072 for the full year, but these figures did not prevent fractional concessions in the shares of that property. A small gain in Missouri Pacific may be noted as an exception to the general character of these reports. these reports.

American Sugar was weak under superio American Sugar was weak under superior seiling by houses usually credited with accurate knowledge as to the logical course of these shares. Logical in this series refers to the desire of the largest interests. The trust investigation and the

specific duties on imported sugars in the new tariff bill are factors justly consid-ered of vital significance at this juncture. The entire industrial list failed to improve The net result in all department was in

the main disadvantageous to prices FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

ful so far in the sale of seats, and it is The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported will be realized for the police poor fund by means of the concert. Persons are warred from purchasing any tickets un by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange. Correspondents, Messrs. Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway. Noyes on the back.
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The program has been practically ar-	Messrs. Moore & Sch	ley,	No. 80	Broa	dway
ranged, and it includes numbers by the		Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Marine Band, Haley's Band, solo by Mrs.	American Spirits	133			
Noyes, piano solo by B. Frank Gebest,	American Spirits, pfd				414.44
recitation, Miss Marie Collins; violin solo.	American Sugar	116%	116%	114%	1145
Mr. Edwin A. Lovy; the Gridiron Quartet,	American Sugar, pfd	1085		103	103
recitation by Mr. Frank Tannehill of the	American Tobacco	723		7234	
	American Cotton Oll				
Nancy Hanks company, piano solo by Miss	Atchison	15%	151	14%	143
Grace Hamilton Jones, recitation by Miss	Baltimore & Onlo	151	15%		155
Ada Louise Townsend; solo, Miss Anna	Bay State Gas	113		10%	11
Boyd of Nancy Hanks; octet from Prim-	Canada Southern	45	45	45	45
rose and West's minstrels.	Canada Pacific				
	Chesapeake & Ohio	175	17%	1734	175
West Point Cadets Appointed.	C., C. C. & St. Louis	28	28	27	275
	Chicago, B. & Q	75	75%	74%	745
Cadets to the Military Academy have	Chicagoa Northwestern.	104%		1041	1045
been appointed as follows: James O. Hack-	Chicago Gas	76	78	773	773
onborn Milton Do . Proch G A	C. M. & St. Paul	76%		76%	76
enberg, Milton, Pa.; Frank C. Amos, Sid-	C. M. & St. Paul, pfd				
ney, Ohio; Lewis Brown, jr., Newport, R.	Chicago, R.I. & Pacific	677	67%	675	675
I.; Wade H. Shipp, Cordele, Ga.; Samuel	Consolidated Gas	1481		1481	1485
	Del., Lack. & W	1523		151%	159
B. Liggin (alternate), Coney, Ga.; Henry	Delaware & Hudson	138	108	107	1087,
A. Bell, Burlington, Kan.; David W. Nor-	Den. & Rio Grande, pfd.				200
ton (alternate), Topeka, Kan.; Wm. M.	Erie	*****		*****	*****
Cooley, Romeo, Mich.; Archie M. Koon	General Electric	36	36	351	351
(alternate), Auburn, N. Y.; David E.	Illinois Central	-			50
Stewart, Greenwood, Wis.; George R. Reed	Lake Shore	1584	158%	158%	1535
(alternate), Rhinelander, Wis.; Frank B.	Louisville & Nashville	513,		50	51
Reid, Oskaloosa, Iowa.	Metropolitan Traction	1063		1083	108%
neiu, Oskaioosa, Iowa.	Mahattan Elevated	89		895	90
	Michigan Central	*****		00/8	20
Ordered to New York.	Missouri Pacific	224		92	221
Assistant Engineer George W. Danforth	National Lead Co	233		2274	23
	National Lead Co., pfd	891		891	891
has been ordered to duty at the navy yard,	New Jersey Central	99%	99%	99	99
New York.	New York Central	981	931	981	98 4
	Northern Pacific	151		15%	
m	Northern Pacific, pfd	377			15%
Illness of Mr. Geo. Shanklin.	Ont. & Western			8734	37%
George Shanklin, for many years con-	Pacific Mail	25%		251	25%
rected with the Evansville, Ind., Courier.	Phila. & Reading	26			
	Puliman P. C. Co	20/4	2078	2614	261
is very ill at the residence of his brother-	Southern Ry., pfd	291	29%	29%	901
in-law, Justice Harlan, in this city. His	Phila Traction			20%	29 %
brother, J. G. Shanklin, who was tele-	Texas Pacific	*****			****
graphed for, arrived here yesterday.	Tenn. Coal & Iron	30		*****	
ar pour son, arriva mere yesterday.	Union Pacific		30	293	29%
	U. S. Leather, pfd	60%	601	1%	114
Marriage Licenses.	Wabash, pfd	161	6034	59%	591
Marriage licenses have been issued to the	Wheeling & L. Erie	23	16%	16	16
following:	Wheeling & L. Erle,pfd.			2%	216
	Wootorn I mion Tal	SRL		991	*****
White-Samuel G. Wise and Stella Sey-	Silver	83%		82%	88
both; Michael P. Marrin and Mary A. Scan-		****	*****	******	****
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Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales-regular call—12 o'clock m.—Capital Traction, 10 at 56. Lincoln Fire Insurance, 10 at 8½ Pneumatic Gan Carriage, 100 at 63 cents; 100 at 62 cents; 100 at 66 cents; 100 at 60 cents; 100 at 1 at 126.
District of Columbia Bonds.—20-year fund 5s, 103
bid. 30-year fund 6s, gold, 110 bid. Water stock
7s, 1901, currency, 111 bid. Water stock 7s, 1903,
currency, 111 bid. 3,65s, funding, currency, 109% currency, 111 bid. 3.65a, funding currency, 109½ bid, 110½ asked.

Miscellianeous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, 112½ bid, 115 asked. Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, 112½ bid, 115 asked. Metropolitan Railroad certificates of Indebtedness, 130 bid. Belt Railroad 5s, 61 bid, 81 asked. Eckington Railroad 6s, 114 bid, 116 asked. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 113 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B, 113 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 100 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, F, and A, 100 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, F, and A, 100 bid. Washington Market Company 1st 6s, 107 bid. Washington Market Company mp. 6s, 107 bid. Washington Market Company with 107 bid. Washington Market Company ext. 6s, 107 bid. Washington Market Company 2st 6s, 107 bid. Washington Market Company ext. 6s, 107 bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 105 bid.

National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington, 283 bid, 315 asked. Bank of the Republic, 180 bid, 210 asked. Metropolitan, 280 bid. Central, 200 bid. Farmers and Mechanics', 170 bid. Second, 132 bid, 140 asked. Citizens, 115 bid, 128 asked. Columbia, 125 bid. Capital, 120 bid, 130 asked. West End, 106 bid, 110 nsked. Traders', 30 bid, 97 asked. Lincoln, 102 bid, 106 asked. Oho, 90 bid, 8afe Denogit and Trust Companies.—National Sec. S bid.

Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas
445 bid. 45% asked. Georgetown Gas, 44 bid. 1

S Electric Light, 90 bid, 93 asked.

Insurance Stocks.—Franklin, 37 bid. Metropol
an, 65 bid. Corcorn, 55 bid. Potomac, 65 bid
Arlington, 125 bid, 140 asked. German-American
85 bid. National Union, 9% bid, 14 asked. Combia, 11% bid, 14 asked. Riggs, 7% bid,
asked. Commercial, 4% bid, 5% asked. Lincoln, 8% bid,
6% asked. Commercial, 4% bid, 5% asked. Title, 9

bid, 106 asked. Columbia Title, 4% bid, 6 asked. ela-southern white corn, 27% and 32%; steemer mixes ela-southern white corn, 27% all; sales, 2,900 bush 27. Oats quiet and steady—No. 2 white, 24a24%; No. 2 mixed, 21a22—receipts, 61,403 inshels; exports, 60,000 bushels; stock, 714,252 bushels, Rye firms—No. 2 mearby, 47% all; susters, 42% all; susters, 42% all; all; see the company, 47% all; see the control of th